

MEMO



To: OCRRA Haulers and Small Business Users

From: Executive Director, OCRRA

Date: December 5, 2011

RE: Electronics (E-Waste) Disposal

New York State passed a law on electronics (e-waste) disposal. This Extended Producer Responsibility Law makes household, school and small business e-waste a **free item to recycle, if the items are taken back to a manufacturer designated recycling program**. In accordance with this new law, OCRRA must provide the following information to our Hauler and Small User Customers.

The law impacts the disposal of electronics or e-waste and has several phases:

- **April 1, 2011** - No electronics manufacturer (e.g. Sony) or collection site operator (see list on reverse for examples) may dispose of e-waste in a solid or hazardous waste management facility (e.g. OCRRA Transfer Station).

At this time, laptops, televisions and computer monitors brought to OCRRA's Transfer Stations by Haulers, Small Business Users or individuals will still be subject to a \$20 per item disposal charge, in addition to normal flat rate or scale fees. If these items are taken to a manufacturer designated recycling location instead, there is no charge. OCRRA strongly encourages the community to recycle their e-waste instead of throwing it out.

- **January 1, 2012** - No disposal of e-waste in a solid waste management facility except by an individual.

By law, OCRRA may no longer accept e-waste from Haulers after January 1, 2012. If a minor amount of e-waste is found in a load, our standard surcharge will apply for handling and separation of those materials. Any large or complete loads of e-waste must be rejected at any disposal facility in New York.

- In accordance with the new state law, ***waste collectors (Haulers) must inform users (their customers) of proper methods of e-waste management.***
- **January 1, 2015** - Individual and household ban becomes effective. ***No entity may dispose of e-waste as trash in New York State.***

To help Haulers comply with the law and to make businesses aware of their options, a list of manufacturer designated e-waste recycling programs is on the back of this memo. **Feel free to copy this and distribute it to your customers.** This list of recycling programs is constantly changing. In addition, electronics manufacturers may also conduct collection events throughout the year. As information becomes available, OCRRA will post it on www.OCRRA.org.

Feel free to contact us with questions or concerns. For details on the New York State Law visit www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/65583.html.

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Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Recycling Information

Under the new State Law, electronics include:

- Televisions *(as well as cathode ray tubes)*
- Computers
- Computer Peripherals* *(Monitors, Keyboards, Mice or Similar Pointing Devices, Facsimile Machines, Document Scanners, Printers)*
- Small Electronic Equipment* *(VCRs, Digital Video Recorders, Portable Digital Music Players, DVD Players, Digital Converter Boxes, Cable or Satellite Receivers, Electronic or Video Game Consoles, etc.)*
- Small Scale Servers

** Computer peripherals and small electronic equipment also include any cable, cord or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into such product.*

Manufacturer Designated E-Waste Recycling Programs

As of December 5, 2011

Best Buy (Carousel Mall, Dewitt and Clay stores)

Accepts all electronics covered under the law for free; some size restrictions apply. Hard drive removal and e-waste pick-ups may be arranged for a fee.

Bruin Computer Trading (1001 Vine St, Liverpool), 410-0050, ext. 4

Accepts all electronics covered under the law for free.

CNY Resource Recovery (5879 Firestone Drive, Syracuse), 471-0254

Accepts all electronics covered under the law for free.

Metalico (6223 Thompson Road, Syracuse), 463-9292

Accepts all electronics covered under the law for free.

Visit www.OCRRA.org for an updated list of e-waste recycling programs.